

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 58-64 are currently pending in this application as amended. Claims 10-57 and 65-68 have been cancelled. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Election/Restriction Requirement

The Examiner has made a restriction requirement between the following embodiments of the invention:

- I. Claims 1-9 and 58-64;
- II. Claims 24-33 and 48-57;
- III. Claims 10-23 and 34-47; and
- IV. Claims 65-68.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.142-1.143, Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-9 and 58-64, without traverse.

However, Applicants also hereby reserve the right to pursue Groups II-IV and the subject matter associated therewith in a divisional and/or continuation application(s), without prejudice.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the present application, as amended, including claims 1-9 and 58-64, is in condition for substantive consideration and such action is respectfully requested.

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